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Our Jihad is Da'wah

RABI' IBN 'AMIR (radiyallahu 'anhu) stopped in front of Rustum, the leader of the Persian army, one of the greatest kingdoms of that time, to announce the goal and mission of the jihad of the Muslimin in front of the people. So he said to Rustum after mocking his authority and his tyranny: "Allah has sent us to deliver whomever He wills from the worship of the slaves to the worship of Allah and to deliver you from the constriction of this world to its vastness and from the oppression of religions to the justice of Islam. He sent us with His din to His creation to call them towards Him. So the one who accepts this then we will also accept it from him and we will turn away from him, and whoever rejects it then we will never stop fighting him until the promise of Allah arrives."

This is an important matter which Allah has ordered us with, and He has obligated jihad upon us for its sake so that the people submit to the Shari'ah of the Lord of the creation, to the Book of Allah, and to the Sunnah of His messenger (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam). Therefore, if they enter into the din of Allah ('azza wa jall) and submit themselves to Allah with obedience, then they are our brothers; for them is what is for us and upon them is what is upon us. And if they reject it, then they will pay the jizyah in humiliation. And if they do not, then fighting will continue until Allah judges between us and them.

This is the guidance of the Salaf: the sword and spear, along with the da'wah of evidence and proof. And when the people submit to the rule of Allah, the du'ah (callers) will begin calling to Allah ('azza wa jall) and explaining the matters to the people. Thus the people will enter, with the permission of Allah, in the din of Allah in multitudes. And they will take in the study of this din and its rulings. This is what the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) did after the conquest of Makkah and other lands; and this is what the Sahabah (radiyallahu 'anhum) did after the conquest of the land of Sham, 'Iraq, Persia, Egypt, and the Maghrib al-Islami (North Africa); and those after them followed in their footsteps. And so it was just a matter of a few years in which they would exchange giving the jizyah to accepting Islam, becoming our brothers. And so for them is what is for us and upon them is what is upon us.

Rather, from them came scholars and callers to Allah ('azza wa jall), excelling in various types of knowledge. Rather still, conquerors came from them like Tariq ibn Ziyad, the conqueror of al-Andalus (Spain).

Today, the Islamic State has announced that its jihad and its fighting against the nations of the cross and the disbelievers altogether is for the establishment of the Din, ruling by the law of the Lord of creation, and bringing the people under it. At the sametime while undertaking all this it does not forget calling to Allah. Rather, its slogan is: "A Guiding Book and a Supporting Sword." When it enters the cities and villages by

the use of the sword, its callers spread and they convey to the people the speech of their Lord and clarify to them the lies and misguidance the scholars of the tawaghit gave to them. So they explain to them the kufr of democracy, the dangers of seeking judgement from the taghut, and the apostasy of the tawaghit, their armies, and police. Thus many of the people left what they had been upon and accepted the Book of Allah and pondered over its meanings, and they learnt the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam).

From the fruits of the jihad of this blessed state is that its voice reached to the corners of the world, calling them onto the True Din, warning them from shirk, and explaining to them what Allah has obligated upon them in His Book and upon the tongue of His messenger (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam).

Therefore, O Muslim, whoever is eager in calling towards Allah, do not neglect the path of jihad. It is the path of your Prophet (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) and the path of his companions. He (ta'ala) said: "Fight against those who do not believe in Allah, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His messenger and those who do not acknowledge the Din of Truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Book, until they pay the jizyah with willing submission and feel themselves subdued" (at-Tawbah: 29) And He (ta'ala) said: "O you who believe! Fight those of the disbelievers who are close to you, and let them find harshness in you, and know that Allah is with those who are al-muttaqin (the pious)" (at-Tawbah: 123).

And as narrated from ibn 'Umar that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said: "I have been ordered to fight against the people until they testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, and until they establish the salah and pay the zakah. If they do that then they will have gained protection from me for their lives and property, except by the right of Islam, and their reckoning will be with Allah" (agreed upon).

Therefore, our jihad is da'wah towards Allah ('azza wa jall), and it is prior to that compliance with the order of Allah to fight until Allah judges between us and the disbelieving people.